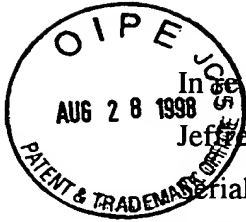


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129

Sir:

Applicants herewith file this response under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.129. When taking into consideration the priority date of this application, this application had been pending for at least two years on June 8, 1995. The Examiner mailed a Final Rejection on August 5, 1997; applicants filed a Notice of Appeal with a Petition for Extension of Time on February 4, 1998. Applicants have not yet filed a Brief on Appeal. Therefore, his filing is proper under 37 CFR § 1.129. Applicants attach herewith a Petition for Extension of Time with accompanying fee and a fee pursuant to § 1.17(r). In the event these fees are not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the undersigned's charge account No. 19-0741.

REMARKS

Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner has requested that applicants submit another substitute specification; applicants agree to submit another substitute specification before this case is allowed. Additionally, applicants have

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